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**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 13, lines 16-26, please replace with the following amended paragraph:

FIG 7A and 7B depicts the schematic structures of the ALF and SALF cDNA sequences. FIG 7A, The SALF cDNA sequence includes TFIIA $\alpha$ / $\beta$ -like sequences and an upstream Stoned  $\beta$ -like region and is shown with selected restriction enzyme sites. FIG 7B, The ALF cDNA sequence consists of TFIIA $\alpha$ / $\beta$ -like sequences. The 5'-end of ALF was identified using gene-specific primers 2a2-20 and 2a2-22 and library-specific primers AP1 and AP2. The resulting clone, pRACE22, is shown as a single line. A PCR product that spans the entire ALF sequence (pRACE17) was obtained using gene-specific primer 2a2-17 and library specific primer AP1. FIG 7C, PCR products from SALF are amplified and visualized from human placenta and liver cDNA libraries. The primers used are indicated above each lane (2a2-1, 2a2-6 and 2a2-8). Lanes 5 and 6 are control reactions to which no cDNA template was added;